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## MISS GRAHAM BREAKS DOWN ON STAND UNDER PROBE OF "EXONERATION" LETTER

Strenuous Cross-Examination Again Sends Girl Who Shot Stokes Into Hysteria.

HER PAST UNDER FIRE.

Prosecutor Buckner Relentlessly Goes Over Story of Life Since Childhood.

An attack of hysteria again held up the Supreme Court to-day, when Lillian Graham's nerves gave way under the hammer of cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Buckner, directed at her letters to Millionaire Stokes during the relations that culminated in his shooting by her and Ethel Conrad, in their flat at the Varuna Apartments last June.

Particularly strenuous was the inquiry into the letter of "exoneration," which the show girl insisted was written the morning after her arrival at the hotel man's Lexington farm. Comparison of the paper upon which it was written with another note, also upon a Hotel Ansonia letterhead, shook the girl out of confidence that she had displayed when her ordeal on the stand was resumed.

The jury was relieved for five minutes, while the witness sobbed unrestrainedly and unattended.

When court convened to-day there was not a vacant seat in the room, while at the doors a hundred or more, sutta-perched-necked, wide-eyed curiosity seekers, held at bay by the court attendants, clamored vainly for admission.

Justice Marcus had issued an order admitting only the jurymen, newspaper writers and members of the bar. Under the latter classification a goodly number of men were admitted who looked as though they had mistaken the word "members" for "patrons."

**GIRL FACES ORDEAL NERVED FOR CONTEST.**  
The weekend rest apparently had given Miss Graham's shattered nerves the respite needed. There was a touch of color in her cheeks and the dark circles under her eyes, grown deeper and heavier as the trial had advanced, were less apparent than before. She faced the wily young prosecutor with an air almost of eagerness, and her first answers came in a quick, low voice, that expressed a far greater degree of self-confidence than she exhibited at the beginning of the cross examination Friday afternoon.

Buckner began by politely assuring Miss Graham that she need have no fear of his questions and need answer none that she did not understand.

"There is just one question about your age," said Mr. Buckner, that I want to ask, and then I'll drop that subject, Mrs. Andrews, your sister testified that she is nine years older than you, and was about five years old when your mother and father separated, in 1886. If that is so, the separation must have happened four years before you were born, must it not?"

Miss Graham did not know.

"And yet if you would admit that you are twenty-seven or twenty-eight instead of twenty-three and the ages of your sisters were as shown in the papers of your mother's suit for separation everything would harmonize, wouldn't it?" continued Mr. Buckner.

Counsel objected and the question was ruled out. But the jury had heard it, and that was obviously all the prosecutor expected.

**DIDN'T KNOW DIVORCEE COULD NOT REMARRY.**  
Mr. Buckner next took up Miss Graham's early acquaintance with Stokes. He elicited from the witness that she had known Stokes as a divorcee, forbidden, as the guilty party under the New York State law, to remarry, when she first met him in 1906. But Miss Graham said she didn't know the New York divorce laws and never thought worse of Stokes because of his matrimonial experience.

Buckner then wanted to know if Mrs. Blagelton, the sister with whom Miss Graham lived at the Ansonia, had tried to put a stop to the ripening friendship between the young girl and the elderly man of the world.

Q. Did she ever tell you that Stokes was a wicked man and you should not

## 600 IN COLLISION OF TRAINS IN FOG; FERRY CRASH TOO

Bankers and Brokers' Express Hits Freight Near White Plains, Killing Fireman.

BIG LINERS HELD UP.

Mist Delays Traffic on Land and Sea—Ferries Astray and Cars Stopped.

The heavy white fog which covered New York and all the suburbs to-day threw all traffic by land and water into confusion and caused collisions and delays, with loss of at least one life and innumerable minor injuries and inconveniences.

The Bankers and Brokers' Special of the Harlem Railroad, which brings 600 Wall street men into the city every business day in time for the opening of the market, ran into a freight making a siding near the North White Plains yard because the engineer mistook his signals in the fog. The fireman of the freight was killed, the engineer badly injured, the passengers of the express painfully shaken up and traffic was completely blocked for an hour and thrown into disorder all morning.

The collision of the Bankers and Brokers' special with the freight train, just north of the North White Plains yards, threw the freight locomotive and several cars off the track and overturned them. The fireman was killed and the engineer badly injured. The passenger cars kept the rails, and the only passengers seriously injured were ten men in the smoker, who were bruised and cut by flying glass, when this car, directly behind the engine, was telescoped.

The Pawling Express, known as the Bankers' and Brokers' special, was due at White Plains at 8:40. It was made up of seven coaches, one parlor car and a baggage car. The last stop had been made at Mount Kisco. The train was running a little behind time, because the fog obscured the signals so the engineer could not see them until he was almost upon the point.

Near the North White Plains yards, the terminal of the electric system, the engineer is supposed to slow down. He was doing this and, according to the latest information, mistook a danger signal for a clear track signal in the fog. The express ran into the freight locomotive. The two trains came together with a great crash and the six hundred commuters were tossed about the cars like straws.

**FIREMAN HURLED FROM ENGINE BY CRASH.**  
Fireman George Gerard of the freight engine was hurled out of the cab by the shock and his neck was broken. He was dead when picked up. The engineer of the freight, George W. Carson, was caught in the wrecked cab and cut on the head and badly scalded about the lower legs by the breaking of the steam connections. He is at the White Plains Hospital in a critical condition, as it is feared he inhaled steam. His home is at North White Plains.

The engineer of the express escaped injury. The engineer of the express was named Wheeler. Daniel Kucas was conductor of the express.

Besides the many New York business men aboard there were many county officials and jurors bound to the White Plains Court House. Sheriff-elect William J. Doyle of Katonah, who was

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## Luna Park, Coney Island's Big Amusement Resort, Damaged by Fire; Controlled by Quick Work



LUNA PARK.

## THEY'D GET ALONG BETTER IF HE WENT OUT NIGHTS, HE SAID

Girl Wife Tells Court Bell's Theory and Jury Gives Her Quick Verdict.

Mrs. Catherine M. Bell, a pretty girl who is suing Louis H. Bell, a broker's clerk, for divorce, told Justice Erlanger and a jury in the Supreme Court how her disreputable husband, now just turning twenty-two, developed a mania for going out nights. She said he not only advocated the theory that the less a husband and wife saw of each other the better they would get along, but compelled her to take a trip to Saratoga during the summer of 1910 so she alleges, he might remain in New York and continue his carousals with other women in Broadway. The Bells were married in November, 1909, when she was barely more than a child in short dresses.

Mrs. Bell's recital of her marital troubles was interspersed with many tears. She was questioned briefly and then was called to the stand. Bell professed the greatest affection for his wife, saying all the trouble was caused by her parents.

"Isn't it a fact that on several occasions you impatiently pushed your wife aside when she came up to you?" was asked.

"That is not true," replied Bell.

"Not when you were playing cards in your home?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you send your wife to Saratoga very much against her protest?"

"I did not. It was the vacation period and it was on my wife's parents' suggestion that I permitted her to go. I used to join her in Saratoga weekends."

"Didn't your wife's father call you to his home shortly before you and your wife parted and accuse you of going with other women?"

"He did not accuse me of anything," said Bell. "He accused me very much of not doing anything and mumbled a lot to himself which I could not understand, but I don't recall his saying anything about other women."

"Isn't it a fact that he threatened you and you ran out of the house?"

"No, he didn't threaten—he acted, and I got out as quickly as possible."

"What did he do?"

"He grabbed hold of me and mumbled something that sounded like a threat to kill me."

The jury was out only a few minutes and returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. Bell.

**GIRL PRISONERS TRY TO DIE.**

Broke Off a Gas Pipe in Bayonne Station.

The fifteen-year-old girls in the women's section of the police station in Bayonne, N. J., last night broke off a gas pipe and then apparently lay down to die. They were found unconscious to-day by a keeper. Later they were arranged before Recorder Mara and held.

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## TAFT URGES AID OF RED CROSS FOR MINE SUFFERERS

President Says He Will Do Anything Possible Himself in Tennessee Disaster.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—At the request of Representative Austin of Tennessee President Taft to-day wrote to Miss Mabel Boardman of the Red Cross suggesting that organization do all possible to aid the sufferers in the Briceville mine disaster. The President's letter said:

"It seems to me that this is an eminently proper occasion for the tender of money from our Red Cross, and anything I can do to help along in the matter I shall be glad to do."

Miss Boardman on Saturday telegraphed to the governor of Tennessee offering assistance from the Red Cross, but no reply had been received early to-day.

A report from J. C. Logan, the Red Cross official from Atlanta, who Saturday was instructed to proceed to Briceville, gave the information that no appeal for relief had been made as the coal company was caring for the present needs of the widows and orphans.

Miss Boardman promptly authorized Mr. Logan to draw upon the national fund of the Red Cross for \$500 if needed. She also telegraphed Gov. Hooper of Tennessee citing the part taken by the National Red Cross in the Cherry Hill, mine disaster, and the Minnesota forest fire and asking whether the Tennessee Red Cross could not issue an appeal for the relief of the widows and children at Briceville.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11.—With sixteen bodies recovered and identified, rescue parties today renewed their hacking and digging in an attempt to force the big Cross Mountain mine to give up its dead. Having forced their way three miles into the mountain and braced more of the mine's cross entries, members of the rescue crew expect to reach the corpse strewn chambers at any hour now.

That there are one hundred or more dead men remaining in the mine there is no doubt. All hope of rescuing any of the scores who met death on Saturday has been abandoned.

Discovery of the first body this morning came at 10 o'clock when a dead miner was found in a sitting posture in one of the interior chambers. He was Andrew Johnson, indications were that he had been a victim of black damp. It is believed now that any men who might have escaped the fury of the explosion speedily were suffocated by gas.

A local Red Cross party began work for the relief of the suffering this forenoon.

Charles Kesterson, whose body was among the first discovered, was found at the telephone far back in the mine by the rescuing crew.

Evidently Kesterson had been trying to telephone news of the blast to the office of the mines when he was struck by falling debris. His skull was badly smashed and his body was cut.

The discovery late last night of eight more bodies prompted crowds to gather at the death seven early to-day. Women living made widows by Saturday's blast in the Knoxville Iron Company's mine gathered at the shaft entrance in scores this morning, prepared to receive their dead. In a warehouse but a short step from the main entrance

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## JUROR VANISHES, SWOPE POISONING TRIAL HELD UP

Gets Through Transom of Door in Hotel While Guarded by Court Officers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 11.—Undoing the work of weeks of court procedure and bringing to a standstill the second trial of Dr. H. Clark Swope, charged with the murder of Millionaire Thomas H. Swope, Harry Waldron, a juror in the case, broke out of his room in a hotel here early to-day, eluded two deputy marshals set to guard the jurors and escaped.

The first hint of the juror's escape came when R. Halloway and Frank Jackson, deputy marshals, found the transom torn away from the door of the room Waldron had occupied.

The deputies carried the keys to all the rooms occupied by the jury. Waldron was nowhere to be seen. A force of deputies was sent at once in pursuit.

Domestic trouble is said to have caused Waldron to grow restless under confinement as a juror.

**OFFICIALS INDICTED IN JERSEY GIVE BAIL.**

Judge Blair Fixes the Amount at \$500 as Cost of the Charges.

Officials in Hudson County, N. J., and others indicted last week for alleged fraud appeared to-day before Judge John A. Blair to give bail. County Clerk John F. Crosby and County Register John J. McMahon were paroled on the indictments found against them. Judge Blair held that the bonds which were under an county officials guaranteed they would not default in the matter of the indictments.

Bail for John Daly, James Donnelly and Thomas Evans, indicted with McMahon in connection with the purchase of school sites in North Bergen township, was fixed at \$500 on each indictment.

In the cases of the Freeholders the bail was fixed at \$500 on each indictment, but the limit on which they had to secure themselves was put at four.

This in the case of those indicted from eight to seventeen times was a big saving. The indicted ones were District Charles Smith, three; Peter A. Kane, seventeen; Harry Rodgers, eight; James P. McGovern, four; and Thomas Purdy, two. These indictments were in connection with the furnishing of supplies to county institutions.

**New Yorker Dred in Field.**

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The body of a man believed to be Leo West of No. 35 West Fifth street, New York City, was found in a field near Hartman to-day. He had been dead several days.

are great numbers of coffins held for the burial of the victims, the majority of whom, it is believed, will be found to-day.

Of the eight corpses discovered last night three were sitting bolt upright in a mine car, while the bodies of five others were lying on the ground. Their deaths were caused by an explosion of dust.

World Building Turkish Baths. A water pipe burst with private rooms 31, 32, 33 and 34. The water was turned off at 10 o'clock. ON ALEX. HOLT.

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## WOMAN IS HERE TO ATTEND BASE BALL MEETING

Mrs. Helen Hathaway Britton of St. Louis First of Her Sex on Such a Mission.

Mrs. Helen Hathaway Britton, owner of the St. Louis National League Baseball Club, is at the Waldorf to attend the annual meeting of the National League directors tomorrow. She has been in New York for such meetings often, but has never before attended one.

"I was brought up on baseball," she said, "and the National League. First I came on with my father and then with my uncle. And now I am coming on my own account."

Mrs. Britton is a comely young person. She wore a brown costume to-day with one of those soft hood hats which keep one from seeing just how pleasant she is to look upon. Besides the hat she had a husband, Schuyler Britton, who was obviously proud of his proprietary rights in the proprietor of the Cardinals.

"Are you going to vote and take part in the meeting?" Mrs. Britton was asked.

"Oh, dear, no," she answered. "Mr. Steininger, the president of the club, will do all the talking for us, just as Mr. Bresnahan takes care of the players. But inasmuch as I have all the interests of the club at heart (and, then with a smile, "in my pocketbook I think I ought to be there.")

Mrs. Britton is the first woman who ever attended a National League meeting.

**NO MORE EASTERN LEAGUE; IT'S INTERNATIONAL NOW.**

Magnates Change Baseball Name and Elect Barrow for Five Years.

The Eastern League went out of existence this afternoon and the International League sprang into being. The change in name was effected at a meeting of the owners and there was not a dissenting vote.

Edward Barrow was re-elected President, Secretary and Treasurer of the league for a period of five years.

The new board of directors will consist of George L. Solomon, Newark; J. C. Stein, Buffalo; C. J. Leavie, Providence; F. E. Lipton, Montreal, and J. J. McAfferty, Toronto.

The 1912 season was formally awarded to Rochester. It was decided that the season of 1912 would open April 1 and close on Sept. 21 and 22. The dispute between Jack Ryan and the Jersey City club was compromised. Ryan had a three years' contract and was declared a free agent at the end of the first year.

It was reported that the club settled with him for \$2,500.

**TWO WOMEN SUICIDES ON CHANGE IN HAMBURG.**

Mother and Daughter Who Lost Fortune in Speculation Kill Themselves.

HAMBURG, Germany, Dec. 11.—A sensation was caused at the Stock Exchange here to-day when a widow named Reck and her daughter committed suicide in the gallery. It is said that they had lost the whole of their fortune in speculation.

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## FIRE SPECTRE SWEEPS CONEY AND LUNA PARK HAS A CLOSE CALL

Smoke and Excitement Wipe Out Amusement Resort in Early Reports, but Only Two Buildings Are Destroyed.

## ABSENCE OF WIND AIDS IN CHECKING THE BLAZE.

Volunteers Rush to Scene and Water From Pressure Mains Quickly Stops the Flames.

The utter absence of wind, quick and effective work by the firemen and prompt response when the high pressure system was called upon saved Luna Park at Coney Island from total destruction this afternoon. It was the luckiest blaze in the history of the resort.

Frederic Thompson of the Frederic Thompson Amusement Company estimates his loss at \$150,000, subject to reductions from salvage. The Alhambra restaurant and the pneumatic tube, a slide on the easterly side of the park, were destroyed and the ballroom and other buildings were damaged.

## OCEAN LINERS FINISH THRILLING RACE IN THE FOG

Carmania Beats La Touraine at Last Moment in Transatlantic Contest.

The Cunard liner Carmania, which reached Quarantine last night and is to sail Wednesday for the Christmas trip, came up the bay in a thinning fog early this afternoon, having beaten out the French liner La Touraine at the end of the voyage.

During the last three days of the run across the Carmania and La Touraine had it nip and tuck. When the Cunardier reached Quarantine last night, however, she found the Frenchman there ahead of her.

The Carmania's skipper knew he had heavy work ahead, if he was to start on the return trip by Wednesday. So he pulled out of Quarantine at an early hour this morning, only to be forced to come to anchor off Robbins Reef. With the first rift in the fog he started up again and made the pier. In the mean time the Frenchman remained at Quarantine.

Because of the bad weather conditions the Carmania was very late. For five days she could not make anything like her speed and one day, although an eighteen-knot boat, she did not log more than 20 knots. She made up for this on Sunday, however, by putting 48 knots to her credit. This is her record for a day.

Among the Carmania's passengers was Heinrich Henzel, a young Wagnerian tenor, who sprang into fame at Covent Garden. He was while singing there that he was engaged for the Metropolitan forces and he will sing Wagnerian roles here, opening on Wednesday night, in "Lohengrin." He will return to Covent Garden in April to finish out his engagement. Mr. Henzel is accompanied by his wife, a pretty young woman, who says she considers the trip to America her honeymoon.

**Gas-Fitter Killed by Gas.**

Frank Ginter, thirty-five years old, a gas-fitter, of No. 23 East Twenty-second street, was found dead on the fourth floor of No. 60 East Thirtieth street late this afternoon. The police believe he was examining a gas-meter when he was killed.

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The first reports from the Island indicated that the whole resort north of Surf avenue, from Ninth street to West Fifteenth street, was doomed to destruction. The fire was discovered in the Alhambra restaurant by Henry Hight, superintendent of Luna Park, at 2:40 o'clock.

A dense fog hung over the Island. The flames, bursting through the roof of the restaurant, magnified themselves by reflection on the walls of mist and the smoke spread close to the ground like a stifling blanket. The first observers on the ground were excusable in their belief that a great conflagration was under way.

**HAZE AND SMOKE MADE FIRE LOOK DESTRUCTIVE.**

In the hazy recesses of the fog the blaze as seen from Surf avenue appeared to be eating up the old Sea Beach Palace and the entire westerly end of Luna Park. Even Battalion Chief Rogers was deceived at first sight as to the extent of the fire and he sent in four alarms, which summoned to Coney Island all the fire apparatus in South Brooklyn and Flatbush. Some of the engines did not reach the scene until long after the fire was under control.

Supt. Riehl sent the first alarm from a box in the park. At the same time an employee of Feltman's restaurant, across Surf avenue from the park entrance, saw the flames and smoke and sounded an alarm through the medium of the big Feltman steam whistle. This brought out the nonviolent winter population of the resort, roused into action by the activity of the only element that a Coney Islander fears.

Scores of volunteers invaded the park, carrying hose from the fire apparatus at Feltman's and Henderson restaurants and St. Mark's dance hall. The Luna Park apparatus was also unlimbered and connection was made with the high-pressure hydrants within the park inclosure.

For once the high pressure responded promptly. The engineer of the pumping station on the banks of Coney Island Creek, back of the park saw the fire from the outset and started his pumps at full speed. When the hydrants were opened the mains were full of salt water and this served to hold the flames in check.

**ABSENCE OF WIND HELPED FIREMEN STOP THE BLAZE.**

The first fire company on the scene was from the Coney Island engine house in West Eighth street, two blocks from the scene of the fire. As other engines arrived the blaze was surrounded.

The Sea Beach Palace, a building that has been standing in Coney Island for thirty-three years, was threatened for a time, but the tidal wind was not sufficiently strong to carry sparks or blazing embers.

The fire burned itself out in the restaurant and the pneumatic tube slide, which was installed at the beginning of last season at a cost of \$75,000. Under the restaurant and slide were several